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SOMALILAND PROTECTORATE.

NOTICE.

THE following Regulations made by His Majesty's Commissioner and Consul-General, and allowed by the Secretary of State, are published for general information.

H. E. S. CORDEAUX,
Commissioner and Consul-General.

Berbera, 1903.

KING'S REGULATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 32 OF "THE SOMALILAND ORDER IN COUNCIL, 1899."

No. 2 of 1903.

Fire-arms.

Whereas by the General Act of the Brussels Conference the importation of fire-arms was prohibited except in certain cases and under certain conditions therein laid down, and whereas it is necessary to make further and better provision for enforcing within the Protectorate the provisions of the said General Act.

It is hereby enacted as follows :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as "The Somaliland Fire-arms Amendment Regulations, 1903," and shall be read as one with "The Somaliland Fire-arms Regulations, 1899" (hereinafter called the principal Regulations), and both Regulations may be cited together as "The Somaliland Fire-arms Regulations, 1899 and 1903."

2. The captain or officer of any vessel in the public service of the Protectorate may board any ship, vessel or dhow in the territorial waters of the Protectorate, and may demand her papers and may search her.

3. Any ship, vessel, or dhow which is hailed by a vessel in the public service of the Protectorate shall immediately heave to.

4. The captain or other officer of any vessel in the public service of the Protectorate desirous of making any vessel, ship, or dhow heave to, may hail her, or may signal, or fire blank charge, or may fire a shot across her bows, or take such other measures as he may think necessary for compelling her to heave to.

5. Any ship, vessel, or dhow disregarding the signals or other proceedings referred to in Regulation 4 of the captain or other officer of any vessel in the public service of the Protectorate, or attempting to escape, or in any way resisting being boarded and searched, or in any way obstructing him while acting in the execution of his duty may be seized and taken to Berbera, and on proof of the facts to the satisfaction of a magistrate shall be forfeited, and all or any of the members of the crew shall be liable to imprisonment of either kind not exceeding six months.

6.—(1.) Any ship, vessel, or dhow refusing to produce her papers, or without papers, or whose papers are irregular, or which there is good reason to believe has been illegally carrying arms, or has thrown overboard arms that she was illegally carrying, may be seized and taken to Berbera and a complaint laid before a magistrate.

(2.) If the magistrate finds that the facts alleged in the complaint are proved, he may make an order detaining the ship, vessel, or dhow until a fine not exceeding

2,000 rupees is paid, or may sentence all or any of the members of the crew to imprisonment of either kind not exceeding three months.

(3.) If the magistrate finds that the facts alleged in the complaint are not proved, and that there was no reasonable cause for seizing and bringing in the ship, vessel, or dhow, he may award compensation to her owners and crew.

7.—(1.) Any ship, vessel, or dhow found with arms on board of her which are being illegally carried, may be seized and carried to Berbera and dealt with as the Commissioner may direct, and her crew shall be guilty of an offence and liable to imprisonment of either kind not exceeding six months.

(2.) Any cargo not being illegally carried shall be landed and may be claimed by its owners at any time within six months, or within such shorter time as the Commissioner may by rule prescribe, if not claimed within such period it shall be dealt with as the Commissioner may direct.

(3.) Any arms or other cargo being illegally carried shall be forfeited and dealt with as the Commissioner may direct.

8. Any ship of His Majesty's navy and its captain or officers shall have all the powers conferred by these Regulations on the captain or officers of a vessel in the public service of the Protectorate.

9. In these Regulations arms include fire-arms, arms of precision, and ammunition as defined in the principal Regulations.

H. E. S. CORDEAUX,
Commissioner and Consul-General.

Berbera, May 6, 1903.

Allowed :

LANSDOWNE,
His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

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